



TOWN OF BEAUX ARTS VILLAGE

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December 10th
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December 13th

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SALES TAX NUMBER: #1703

TREE ORDINANCE – RECENT UPDATE: There was a public hearing at the Planning Commission's November Meeting to hear about the proposed Ordinance developed by the Tree Committee to govern trees on private property. Based on testimony received from residents, the Committee is revising the proposed Ordinance and it will be available for the Planning Commission at their next meeting, December 10th. The Planning Commission will forward a recommendation to the Town Council. The Town Council will then schedule another Public Hearing to receive additional input from Town residents. The proposed Ordinance is posted on the Town website under "What's New"; copies are also available through the Deputy Clerk.

TOWN COUNCIL BUSINESS: At the November Council meeting:

- Mayor Wells announced that she is resigning as Mayor on December 31, 2007 for personal reasons. Judee has served the Town for more than 10 years as a Planning Commissioner, a Councilmember, and as Mayor. She will be greatly missed!
- The Council confirmed the re-appointment of Steve Matsudaira for another four-year term on the Board of Adjustment. Thank you, Steve, for your willingness to continue serving the residents of Beaux Arts!
- The Council held its second public hearing on the Town's 2008 Budget in conjunction with a public hearing to set the Town's property tax levy for 2008. Most of you will have read that the state Supreme Court ruled that I-747, which capped local property-tax increases at 1% per year, was unconstitutional – meaning that municipalities may increase property tax levies by as much as 6%. Nonetheless, your Town Council chose to limit the increase in this year's levy to 1%, while continuing to control costs. Please read more about how your property tax payment is split among the various governmental agencies below.
- The Council continued to discuss the increasing number of private encroachments on Town property and will complete work to develop goals and guidelines for the Planning Commission in December or January.
- Councilmember Young reported that the Tree Committee is presenting a proposed Tree Ordinance to the Planning Commission in a public hearing at their November meeting. The Council expects to review the Planning Commission's recommendation at another public hearing later.
- The Council adopted Resolution No. 253 authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with Municipal Research and Service Corporation for Small-Works Roster Services. The Council expects participation in this region-wide list to give us access to a greater number of contractors who are qualified for public works project.

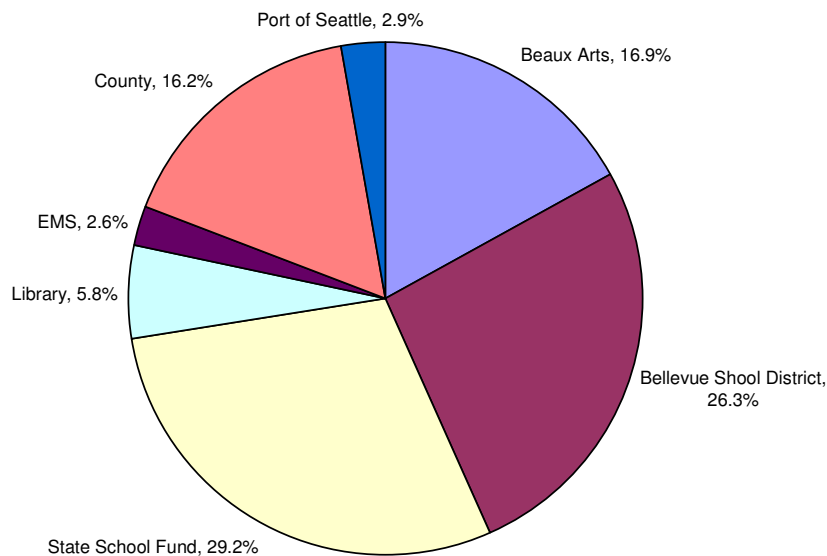
DEPUTY MARSHAL NEEDED: Anyone interested in helping Town Marshal Walter Scott by serving as Deputy Marshal is encouraged to contact Walter or any member of the Town Council to discuss the duties of the position.

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING: The next regular meeting of the Town Council will be held at 7pm on Tuesday, December 11, 2007 at Aaron Sharp's house. At that meeting, the Council will hold a public hearing to discuss minor amendments to the 2007 budget.

A PROPERTY TAX PRIMER: Some residents may wonder why their property tax bills seem to go up each year by more than the 1% maximum increase allowed under I-747. We hope that this primer will answer some of your questions.

- First, it is important to know that the 1% increase limit applies to the town's base property tax, i.e. the Town may not increase the total dollar value levied against property by more than 1% of the prior year's levy. However, the levy is applied to each individual property based on its valuation. If the value of your property increased more than that of your neighbor, you may see an increase of more than 1%. Conversely, your neighbor's property tax may increase by less than 1%. Property values are set by the King County Department of Assessments.
- Second, only 17.6% of the total property-tax bill for an average home in the Beaux Arts is levied by the Town. The remaining 82.4% is levied by other agencies outside of the Town's control, e.g. the State of Washington gets 32.7% for state school support and other state agencies, King County gets 15.7%, the Bellevue School District gets 23.4%, and other agencies get the final 10.6%. This pie chart shows the relative size of each agency's slice of the property-tax pie for the average homeowner in the Town of Beaux Arts Village.

Breakdown of 2007 Levy Components



WABA BUSINESS: The next WABA meeting will be held at 7:30pm on Thursday, December 13th at the Bromberg house.

WELCOME: WABA welcomes Scott Gulick to the Village. He is in the "Jerome" house; please say hello to him when you have a chance!

HOLIDAY SOCIAL AND COOKIE EXCHANGE - MONDAY, DECEMBER 10

All Village women are invited to this year's holiday social, which will be on Monday, December 10th, from 7:00 to 9:00 PM at Jan Johnston's home. This annual event provides a chance to exchange holiday cookies and to socialize with Village women, however cookies are not required. If baking does not fit into your busy December schedule, don't bother with the cookies, but please come share in the holiday cheer.

If you want to participate in the exchanging of cookies, please bring: 25 baggies of 3 homemade cookies each, in a box labeled with your name. Also bring a second empty box labeled with your name. All women in the Village will be called and reminded of the details. If you have not been contacted by December 5th, please call Robin Stefan at 435-1133. Hope to see you on December 10th!

CHRISTMAS SHIPS- Mark your calendars for Monday night, December 17th. That's the evening the Christmas Ships and their carolers will make their annual stop at the Beaux Arts Beach, from 8:45-9:10pm. Don't miss this wonderful tradition with our bonfires and village camaraderie!

WABA Winter Dinner- Mark your calendars for Saturday night, January 26th. More details to follow in January on this annual members meeting, election, and dinner as we prepare to kick-off our centennial.

CENTENNIAL UPDATE: We are planning many events for 2008; interested volunteers contact Angela.

•*Contact info* needed for invitations! As you're sending out your Holiday Greetings, please take a moment to jot down contact information on previous villagers from your list and get them to Sylvia Hobbs. Remember to tell your kids, and previous village neighbors to plan on coming back July 4th for our "Old-Timers" Picnic and Parade!

•Calling all *quilters*! If you have fabric scraps, ideas, can quilt or sew, please see Elizabeth Leider about assisting in the Centennial Quilt project!

BUILDING NEWS: The following permits have been issued from the Building Department recently:

2801 102nd Ave. SE- mechanical permit issued for a new furnace.

10311 SE 28th St. – mechanical permit issued for a new furnace.

BEAUX ARTS BOOK: Talking About Beaux Arts, the coffee table book that made its debut at the '06 Winter Dinner, is still available. The book features historical information and stories of Village life told from the perspective of many residents past and present, as well as photos, maps, and a record of owners of each house from the very first owners to 2005. See Robin Stefan for more details if you are interested! (robinstefan@comcast.net, phone 453-1133).

THANK YOU To all the neighbors on upper 27th that contributed to the new mailbox stand. I understand appreciation goes especially to Leslie Leber for the design, and David Dempster for much of the work and organization. Well done, everyone!

LOST AND FOUND: Found: a girl's necklace with charm dropped during Halloween trick-or-treating. See Charlie Ferree if it may be yours. Lost: Would the current keeper of the Beaux Arts "Neighborhood Plate" please call Lynn Hall at (425)-455-0416.

NEED TO CONTACT TOWN STAFF?

- Contact **Clerk-Treasurer Sue Ann Spens** if you have questions about issues before the Council, general Town business, or Water-Department concerns.
Email: townhall@beauxarts-wa.gov
Phone: (425) 454-8580 Mail: 10550 SE 27th Street, Beaux Arts, WA 98004.
- Contact **Deputy Clerk Angela Kulp** if you have questions about the building department, permits, variances, or issues before the Planning Commission or Board of Adjustment.
Email: bldgdept@beauxarts-wa.gov
Phone: (425) 269-6985 Mail: 10550 SE 27th Street, Beaux Arts, WA 98004.
- To report Block watch concerns, contact:
Town Marshal Walter Scott: (425) 454-2573